

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving a data file stored at a digital cellular switch, comprising:

receiving a request at an operations and maintenance platform processor for said data file stored at said digital cellular switch;

transmitting a request for said data file from said operations and maintenance platform processor to said digital cellular switch via a digital control interface communications link;

in response to said request, receiving said file at said operations and maintenance platform processor from said digital cellular switch via said digital control interface communications link; and

~~The method of Claim 6, further comprising~~ determining whether said digital control interface communications link is available to provide a communications link between said digital cellular switch and said operations and maintenance platform processor prior to transmitting said request.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising providing a prompt for a filename identifying said data file.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising receiving said filename and transmitting said filename as a part of said request.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for storing a data file at a digital cellular switch, comprising:

receiving a request at an operations and maintenance platform processor to store said data file at said digital cellular switch;

in response to said request, transmitting said file from said operations and maintenance platform processor to said digital cellular switch via said digital control interface communications link; and

~~The method of Claim 10, further comprising~~ determining whether said digital control interface communications link is available to provide a communications link between said digital cellular switch and said operations and maintenance platform processor prior to transmitting said data file.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising providing a prompt for a filename identifying said data file.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising receiving said filename and transmitting said filename to said digital cellular switch prior to transmitting said data file.

14-19 (Canceled)